

HOUSE BILL NO. 107

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVES GILLHAM, Shaw

Introduced: 2/22/21

Referred: House Special Committee on Fisheries, Resources

A BILL**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act providing for free hunting and sport fishing licenses for veterans and active**
 2 **duty members of the military service and United States Coast Guard who reside in the**
 3 **state; and providing for an effective date."**

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 * **Section 1.** AS 16.05.340(a)(17) is amended to read:

6 (17) Waterfowl conservation tag 10

7 (A) A person may not engage in waterfowl hunting without
 8 having the current year's waterfowl tag in the person's actual possession, unless
 9 that person

10 (i) qualifies for a \$5 license fee under (6) of this
 11 subsection;

12 (ii) is a resident under 18 years of age;

13 (iii) is 60 years of age or older and is a resident;

14 (iv) is a disabled veteran eligible for a free license under

1 **AS 16.05.341(1) or (2)** [AS 16.05.341].

2 (B) The Board of Game shall by regulation exempt the
3 requirement of a waterfowl conservation tag for waterfowl hunting in areas of
4 the state not likely to benefit from programs described in AS 16.05.130(b)(2) -
5 (4).

6 * **Sec. 2.** AS 16.05.340(a)(23) is amended to read:

7 (23) Resident anadromous king salmon tag 10

8 A resident may not engage in sport fishing for anadromous king salmon without
9 having the current year's anadromous king salmon tag in the resident's actual possession,
10 unless that person

11 (A) qualifies for a 50 cent license fee under (1) of this
12 subsection;

13 (B) is under 18 years of age;

14 (C) is 60 years of age or older and has been a resident of the
15 state for at least one year;

16 (D) is a disabled veteran eligible for a free license under
17 **AS 16.05.341(1) or (2)** [AS 16.05.341]; or

18 (E) qualifies for a \$5 license fee under (6) of this subsection.

19 * **Sec. 3.** AS 16.05.341 is amended to read:

20 **Sec. 16.05.341. Free license for certain [DISABLED] veterans, [AND]**
21 **active members of the Alaska National Guard and military reserves, and active**
22 **duty members of the military service and United States Coast Guard.** A person
23 **who qualifies as a resident under AS 16.05.415** may receive a resident hunting and
24 sport fishing license under AS 16.05.340(a)(5) without charge if the person

25 (1) has been discharged from military service under honorable
26 conditions, is eligible for a loan under AS 18.56.101, and is certified by the United
27 States Department of Veterans Affairs as having incurred a 50 percent or greater
28 disability during military service;

29 (2) served in the Alaska Territorial Guard, is eligible for a loan under
30 AS 18.56.101, and incurred a 50 percent or greater disability while serving in the
31 Alaska Territorial Guard; [OR]

1 (3) is an active member of the

2 (A) Alaska National Guard;

3 (B) United States Army reserves;

4 (C) United States Air Force reserves;

5 (D) United States Navy reserves;

6 (E) United States Marine Corps reserves; or

7 (F) United States Coast Guard reserves;

8 **(4) has been discharged from military service or the United States**
9 **Coast Guard under honorable conditions but does not meet the requirements of**
10 **(1) of this section; or**

11 **(5) is an active duty member of the military service or the United**
12 **States Coast Guard.**

13 * **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2022.